

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing and reexamination and reconsideration of the application identified in caption as amended, pursuant to and consistent with the Rules of Practice in Patent Cases, and in light of the remarks which follow, are respectfully requested.

By the present amendment, claims 6, 7, and 12 have been amended and claims 2, 15, and 31 have been canceled. Accordingly, claims 1, 3-14, and 16-30 will be pending upon entry of the present amendment. Claims 1, 3-14, and 16-30 have been indicated as being allowed.

The rejection of claims 2, 15, and 31 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, is rendered moot in view of the cancellation of these claims.

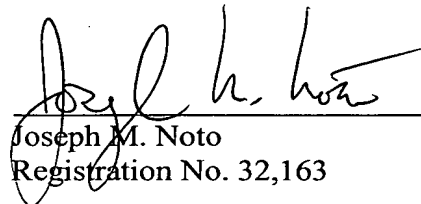
Claims 6 and 7 have been amended to provide proper claim dependency in view of the cancellation of claim 2.

Claim 12 has been amended to correct a typographical error.

From the foregoing, further and favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is believed to be next in order, and such action is hereby earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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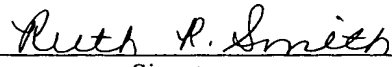
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